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In re Application of

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For: METHODS FOR OBTAINING AND

USING HAPLOTYPE DATA

DECISION ON PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.182

This decision is in response to applicants' petition filed via facsimile on 27 June 2002 requesting to to convert the above-captioned national stage application to an application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 111(a) which is treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 and is hereby **GRANTED**.

Applicants originally submitted this application as a national stage filing pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 371 of international application PCT/US00/17540 on 21 December 2001 which included a copy of the international application and a preliminary amendment. However, applicants filed five separate national stage applications of the aforementioned international application.

As stated in the decision mailed 14 June 2002, this is not permitted. A proper response would be to file a petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.182. Accordingly, applicants request that the above-identified application be treated as an application under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) pursuant to 37 CFR 1.182 which has been accorded.

The fee for the basic national fee of \$710.00 (Fee Code 956) has been changed to a basic filing fee for a utility application of \$740.00 (Fee Code 101). The \$30.00 difference and the \$130.00 petition fee (Fee Code 122) have been charged to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 as authorized. Fee Codes 964, 966 and 968 for extra independent claims, extra claims and multiple dependent claims have been changed to Fee Codes 102, 103 and 104 respectively. There is no difference in cost for these claims.

Any period of adjustment to the term of a patent under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(May 29, 2000) may be reduced by the period of time beginning on the filing date accorded under 35 U.S.C. 11 and ending on the mailing date of this decision. See 37 CFR 1.704(a).

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) with a filing date of **21 December 2001**.

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